MR. SITARAMAIYA, HIRIYUR.—

Q.—42. (*a*) Has the plan for the extension of Hiriyur town forwarded to the Sanitary Engineer been received by Government?

(*b*) If it has been received, what is the difficulty in the way of according sanction to the plan?

(*c*) If not received, what is the reason for the plan being kept by that officer for the past three or four years? Is it possible for Government to investigate as to who was responsible for the hardship of the people by their not constructing houses and if so, will the Government make the officer liable for the same?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer (Irrigation) has not recommended the adoption of the plan for the reasons that it is not complete, that it requires modification and that an estimate has to be prepared. The matter is kept by pending orders on the question of appointing an Engineering Staff at the cost of local bodies in connection with sanitary improvements in the several Municipalities and Local Board areas.

(*c*) *Vide* reply to (*a*) and (*b*).

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Sitraramiya, Hiriyur.

With reference to the answer to the Interpellation, will the Government be pleased to state how long they require to take up the extension of Hiriyur town.

First Member.

The question of giving a separate Engineering establishment for sanitary purposes to all the Local Boards is under the consideration of Government, and the extension of the Hiriyur town cannot be taken up until orders are passed in the matter.

MR. SITARAMAIYA, HIRIYUR.—

Q.—43. (1) Are the Government aware how much amount out of contribution made for earthwork to tanks is in arrears and for what years?